

# BETWEEN THE LINES

Prescott Valley Public Library's Monthly Newsletter



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## DIRECTOR'S CUT by Casey Van Haren

Back in 2013, I wrote a Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) grant for the library to revamp the Virtual Reality Room. I asked for \$30,000 to update computers, purchase video recording equipment, and an instructor to teach classes. I was awarded full funding. Since then, our library has applied for and received over \$151,605.00 in funds through the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.

Not a lot of people know that libraries throughout the United States rely on this funding through the Institute of Museums and Library Services (IMLS), which includes LSTA grants. IMLS was established in 1996 to support libraries and museums to sustain lifelong learning and cultural heritage. These funds allow libraries to promote early literacy, digital literacy, STEM, art, inclusive and accessible learning, innovation and critical thinking.

In just this last year, Michele Hjorting, our Adult Services Lead Librarian, has applied for and received over \$40,000 in LSTA grant funding. Writing grants is not an easy job. There are strict guidelines that must be followed throughout the grant process and at the end of the grant we must write the final report before the deadline. In this report we need to justify the success of the grant and include data, feedback from those who have participated in the programs, and we must spend all grant funds on time. It is a time-consuming process and does not include the time spent preparing and implementing programming.

Because of these funds our community has been able to check out Wi-Fi hotspots, attend computer and art classes, attend cultural and civic events, talk to a vetted business counselor, and assist those with obtaining their citizenship. These grant funds help our community grow and thrive and we will continue to expand our services and support 21st century skills.

## HIGHLIGHTS

## Children's



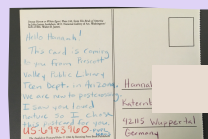
We have a special treat for children during Thanksgiving week (November 23-27). The Gingerbread Lady (aka Mrs. Claus for those who have come to her programs in previous years) will have a program of stories, songs, magic, and fun available on our webpage at [pvlib.net/children](http://pvlib.net/children). This is a new program she will present, and it will take the place of our usual Mrs. Claus program in December. We hope you can tune in! We give thanks for our children and their families and wish them the best this year.

## Young Adult

Who doesn't love a postcard?

**Postcrossing.com** is a website set up to connect people across the world by sending and receiving postcards. During the first week of October, the world celebrated postcard communication with World Postcard Week.

To celebrate here at the Library, we offered free postcards, and through [postcrossing.com](http://postcrossing.com), sent two postcards: one to Germany and one to Texas. So far we have received one postcard from Pennsylvania. Do you want to send or receive a postcard through **postcrossing.com**? It is free to sign up, and you can always swing by the Library to pick up a fresh postcard to send out into the world.



## Adult

DID YOU  
KNOW...

That the library offers virtual/online programs every month?

November programs include **Master Gardener**, the latest episode of the library's podcast **Checkin' Out the Neighborhood** and more.

**COMING SOON!** Virtual computer and technology classes, Facebook Book Club, lifestyle classes, and more! Please check the library's calendar often for updates.

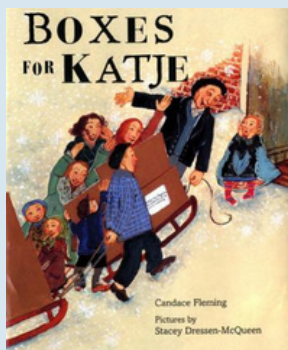


# STAFF SUGGESTIONS

## Children's

Two children's picture book stories set after WWII and based on real events illustrate how seeds of friendship can grow.

The first book is **Boxes for Katje** by Candace Fleming. A young American girl from Mayfield, IN sends a girl in Holland a package as part of a goodwill effort to help the people of Europe after the war. What's inside so delights Katje that she sends off a letter of thanks: beginning an exchange that swells with so many surprises that the girls, as well as their townspeople, will never be the same.



Another book, **Mercedes and the Chocolate Pilot**, by Margot Raven is the true story of a young German girl, Mercedes Simon, and the American pilot, Gail Halvorsen, who shared hope and joy with the children of West Berlin by dropping candy-filled parachutes during the Berlin Airlift.

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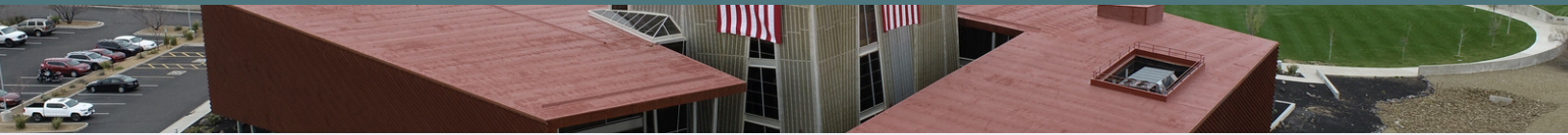


This month we're going old school! In the classic sci-fi novel "Ender's Game" by Orson Scott Card, young Ender is taken from his family and sent to a school (in space) where he will learn to be a military genius. Why? To prepare for a future attack by aliens, of course. He proves to have a natural talent for leadership and military planning and becomes Earth's best hope of survival.

Do you not consider yourself a sci-fi reader? I don't read much sci-fi either, but a friend endlessly pestered me to give "Ender's Game" a chance, and I'll be forever in her debt. Give this one a try even if aliens aren't your thing. I think you'll be surprised.

P.S. It's also a movie.





# NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

**Online Chair Yoga**  
**Registration Required for**  
**all Yoga Classes**

**Mondays 10-11am**  
**Tuesdays 10-11am**  
**Wednesdays 10-11am**  
**Thursdays 10-11am**  
**Fridays 10-11am**



**Online Morning Stretch - Wednesdays 8:30-9:30 am**

**Online Yoga Nidra - Thursdays 12-1pm**

**Checkin' Out the Neighborhood - PVPL's Podcast:**  
**Who is Cindy Gresser? and what is the Museum of**  
**Indigenous People?**

**Tuesday, November 10th, <https://anchor.fm/pvpl> , on the**  
**library website, or your favorite podcast source.**

**Online Master Gardener Talk: Seed Saving for the Backyard**  
**Gardener**

**Tuesday, November 10th, 4-6pm**  
**Registration Required**

**Get Crafty! Craft Kits for Adults. November's Craft is Happy**  
**Painted Rocks and will be available in the library beginning**  
**11/16/20. Limited amounts are available. Please ask at the**  
**Information Desk.**

**[Click here to view the library calendar and registration information.](#)**

**Check out December programs as well!**



## IN OTHER NEWS...



## COMING SOON!

### New Library Grant Programs

#### **LIBRARY OF THINGS**

Have you ever wanted to try out something before you purchase it, like a guitar, ukelele, Dremel, Nature Backpack (contains books, walkie-talkies and other items), a Chromebook, or a GoPro?

Well, now's your chance! Our new Library of Things (coming soon, look for items starting in November) will be stocked full of items for you to check out and try at home.

#### **BILINGUAL STORY TIME KITS**

In the new year, the Library will provide story time kits for you to check out and take home! These will be great for families or in-home childcares. Each kit will be based on a theme (such as counting, wild animals, or trains) and will include 5-7 books, music, additional resources, and a toy to support the theme. Most importantly, each kit will be fully bilingual! Whether you speak and read Spanish or English, these kits will work for you!

**Also Coming Soon! Additional upcoming grant programs like Citizen Science Kits and Stay Connected Kits**



## IN OTHER NEWS...

## Library Artwork

**Start your  
holiday  
celebrations  
early with  
Create-A-Tree!**



*Create-a-tree*

**APPLICATIONS DUE BY  
NOVEMBER 20TH, 2020**

**Please visit**

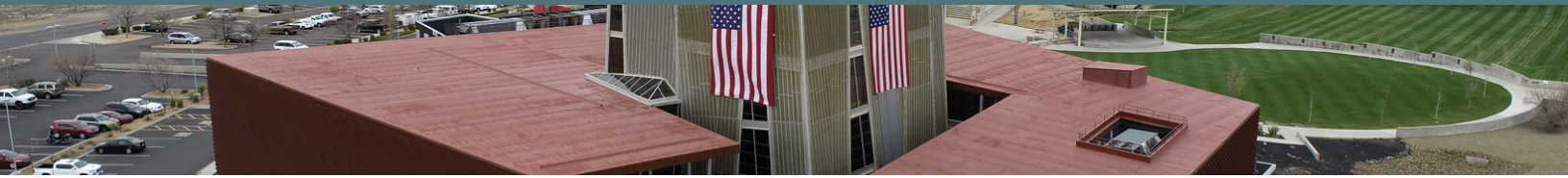
**<https://www.pvaz.net/305/Arts-and-Culture>  
to download an application or**

**Pick up an application at the Parks and  
Recreation Office on the 3rd Floor of the Civic  
Center at 7501 E. Skoog Blvd**

**Questions? Contact Isabella Chewning at  
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**The Library will be participating! We will be making a  
wreath out of library cards from across the United States  
and World! Make sure to look for it when the display  
opens!**





**IN OTHER NEWS...**

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**



**Speaking of the Create-a-Tree display...  
This is a huge undertaking, and we need  
VOLUNTEERS!**

**Here are the details if you are thinking about volunteering:**

**Dates: November 30 - December 3**

**Times: 12pm - 6pm**

**Duties: Manning a table within the library, checking in each group, monitoring the install, and more!**

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